

**Theorem 16.47.** [1GD] Let  $f : A \subseteq \mathbb{R}^n \rightarrow \mathbb{R}$  be continuous, with  $A$  open, and let  $\bar{x} = (\bar{x}', \bar{x}_n) \in A$  be such that  $\partial_{x_n} f$  exists in a neighborhood of  $\bar{x}$ , is continuous in  $\bar{x}$  and  $\partial_{x_n} f(\bar{x}) \neq 0$ . Define  $\bar{a} = f(\bar{x})$ . There is then a "cylindrical" neighborhood  $U$  of  $\bar{x}$

$$U = U' \times J$$

where

$$U' = B(\bar{x}', \alpha)$$

is the open ball in  $\mathbb{R}^{n-1}$  centered in  $\bar{x}'$  of radius  $\alpha > 0$ , and

$$J = (\bar{x}_n - \beta, \bar{x}_n + \beta)$$

with  $\beta > 0$ . Inside this neighborhood  $U \cap f^{-1}(\{\bar{a}\})$  coincides with the graph  $x_n = g(x')$ , with  $g : U' \rightarrow J$  continuous.

This means that, for every  $x = (x', x_n) \in U$ ,  $f(x) = \bar{a}$  if and only if  $x_n = g(x')$ .

Moreover, if  $f$  is of class  $C^k$  on  $A$  for some  $k \in \mathbb{N}^*$ , then  $g$  is of class  $C^k$  on  $U'$  and

$$\frac{\partial g}{\partial x_i}(x') = - \frac{\frac{\partial f}{\partial x_i}(x', g(x'))}{\frac{\partial f}{\partial x_n}(x', g(x'))} \quad \forall x' \in U', \forall i, 1 \leq i \leq n-1 \quad .$$

(16.48)